

My name is Caty Fortin. I am a student at Connecticut College. I am from Shelton, CT. I live, work, attend college, and vote in Connecticut. I am writing this in support of HB 6374. I have been affected by sexual violence on college campuses and the current system does not do enough to protect victims/survivors. Students are discouraged from reporting, especially when the perpetrators hold significant importance to a college's academic or sport interests. In addition, many cases go unreported which is why a survey to see what occurs on college campuses is so important. I never reported because the current system re-victimizes those who report. I have had so many friends and loved ones who have also suffered from sexual violence on college campuses. Sexual violence is endemic to college campuses. That is why I am asking you to support the passage of this bill. Thank you.